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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK. WEDNESDAY, May 7, St. Stanislaus. THURSDAY, May 8, Apparition of St. Michael.

TO ADVERTISEES. A limited number of advertisements of approved character will be inserted in 'The True Witness' at 15c per line, first insertion, and 10c per line for subsequent insertions.

public life, we see them engaged in concealing ways... The history of the Rykert scandal seems to indicate that it was only one of many like transactions which obtained particular prominence through its exceptional nationality.

Evidently that person could not have got hold of the Cypress Hill property without the connivance of some one identified with the inner circles of ministerial influence.

He may be right in his expectation. Twenty-five years' intimate acquaintance with politics in Canada has convinced us that public spirit was never so debased, public morals never so low, party rancour never more virulent, political methods never more unscrupulous, than they are at the present time.

But it is time that a voice should be raised in denunciation of the prevailing degeneracy. No people can become so corruptly docile as the people of Canada are to-day and not pay the penalty which ever and always attends the loss of public virtue and decadence of public morals.

Within a few months we have seen men, whom no amount of political rascality could route into a pretence, becoming extravagantly enraged against the alleged 'encroachments of Rome.'

Hence instead of seeing a general revolt against the iniquitous system which has made a Rykert possible and which spreads a canker of degradation through all the avenues of political life and endeavor, we behold a ragamuffin uprising against Separate Schools, instigated by party managers to distract the people from the only real issues of the day.

Will might a man with well-balanced mind turn with sorrow not mingled with disgust from the contemplation of so disheartening a view, and, like the ancients, devote the anthers and oases of such politics as these to the infernal gods.

Vacancies in the House of Commons.

There are now three seats vacant in the House of Commons. The writ for New Westminster had already gone west and the election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Chisholm is expected to be fixed within a week or two.

Canadians in the Eastern States.

It will be news to a good many Americans to learn that their cherished Gloucester fishermen are seventy-five per cent. Canadian and that throughout the New England States Canadians have taken the places of Americans. Yet such was the evidence given before the Committee on Immigration at Washington. These facts are of considerable significance in more ways than one.

Political Immorality.

It is plain to the most superficial observer that a very low moral tone pervades the public life of Canada. In the contests of parties there is an open abandonment of principle extremely shocking to anyone who passes to consider what is and what should be in the character and conduct of our public men.

ans. But both are at heart devoted to the land from which they came. They are in the possession of those peculiar characteristics which the name implies and their descendants will, in all likelihood, control the destiny of the country they have adopted.

The Church and Governments.

A timely article in the last number of the American Catholic Quarterly Review deals with the question "Is the dream of a Universal Republic to be Realized?"

The Church, suited to all times and all conditions, contains within herself all the elements by which the perfect Universal Republic can be realized.

Indeed it may be said that only by the triumph of Catholic truth can humanity witness the realization of its hopes. The Church, as the writer shows, cannot preach injustice to counteract injustice. She cannot give her sanction to unlawful and unjust combinations to bring order where there is disorder, or to right what is wrong.

But, we are reminded, between this and the sanction of tyranny there is an immense difference. As there is a distinction between things prohibited because had and things had because prohibited, so there is also a distinction between authority which comes from God and the authority which comes from man.

In an admirably lucid manner the writer shows the relations of governments and peoples, his arguments fortifying the principles we have endeavored to develop on several occasions in these columns.

Hon. J. M. Gibson, in the very able address he delivered before his constituents at Hamilton, last Thursday, poured a flood of light upon the school question of which the Conservative opposition in Ontario, abetted by the Equal Righters, are striving to make capital against Mr. Mowat.

There is no question between the Reform and Tory parties regarding the abolition of the Separate Schools. That cannot be effected without an Act of the Imperial Parliament, and the Act can only be passed in all as the subject of a Dominion Parliament.

PRINCIPAL OAVEN'S LETTER.

The Relations of the Equal Rights Association to Party. In view of the near approach of the elections in the Legislative Assembly, I desire to say a word respecting the relation of the Equal Rights Association to party.

The Newfoundland "Modus Vivendi."

A pamphlet has been issued at St. John's, Newfoundland, giving an account of the Modus Vivendi recently entered into by the government of Great Britain with that of France concerning Newfoundland and the action taken by the colony in relation thereto.

The claims of the French nation, as the pamphlet says, to certain fishery rights on a part of the coast of Newfoundland are matters of history and have formed the subject of repeated negotiations between the British and French governments since the early part of the century.

modus vivendi now under discussion, is the sixth which has been held in a period less than fifty years, and in every instance the arrangement suggested has been to the detriment of the people of Newfoundland, and has been promptly and emphatically disclaimed by them.

British diplomacy in this affair, as in other matters affecting British colonies in America, has been a mass of the most wretched bungling.

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LABOR'S MIGHTY HOST.

Masses of artisans joined the parades on the way until on entering the parks the estimated number of men in line was one hundred and fifty thousand.

NOT A POLICEMAN IN SIGHT.

Among the far-reaching dense crowd no police were visible. Orders from headquarters to refrain from interfering or co-operating with the organization of the demonstration had caused the police to judiciously keep in the background.

BEADLACK AND MORLEY DENOUNCED.

At the stalls of the Social Democrats, at which all the speakers were Socialists, there was a gathering of 12,000.

ALLEGED BOODLING.

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and a good measure of support in the community. Let us trust they will, on a matter of very great importance, both of civil and Dominion politics, will be decided.

A SENSATION IN QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, May 8.—The Hon. Thos. McGreevy, M.P., has laid information before the Police magistrate against Messrs. Tarte, R. H. McGreevy and Owen R. Murphy, charging them with criminal libel and perjury.

LITERARY REVIEW.

A YOUNG WOMAN'S SUCCESS—One of the brightest women in New York, Mrs. Isabel Mallon, who, perhaps, knows more about woman's dress than any woman in America, has been added to the editorial staff of the Ladies' Home Journal, of Philadelphia.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Ottawa Elections.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TRUE WITNESS. SIR.—The election which came off here on last Saturday, and which resulted in the return of Mr. Mackintosh by a majority of 852, demonstrated that he owes his election to the Catholic electors.

The returns from the different wards prove it in black and white, the large majority of the Catholic electors had cast their vote for Mr. Mackintosh.

The Late John Finnegan.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TRUE WITNESS. SIR.—Though the late sudden death of our beloved John Finnegan, who was studying at Bourget College, Rigaud, P.Q., has naturally cast over us a gloom, which time and the consideration "that God doth all things well" can alone dissipate, yet it is a gloom that even now, when the grave has only closed, is far from being unproductive.

While humbling ourselves under the mighty hand of Divine Providence, and accepting with full resignation his fatherly visitations, we beg to tender to the Rev. Professors of the college and the class mates of the lamented dead, our deep and lasting gratitude, for their unbounded kindness, not only to the deceased, but also to his surviving friends and bereaved parents.

Death of the Very Rev. Jacques Jean Vinet.

Very Rev. Jacques Jean Vinet, honorary chaplain to His Holiness Pope Pius IX., died at the residence of St. Jean, in the city of Quebec, on the evening of the 24th inst., at one o'clock last Friday morning.

Beatty's Tour of the World.

Ex-Mayor Daniel E. Beatty, of Beatty's Celebrated Organs and Pianos, Washington, N.W. Jersey, has just returned home from an extended tour of the World.